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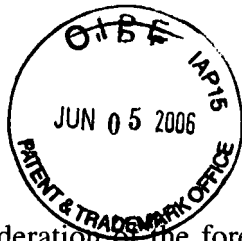
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit the attached Forms PTO SB/08A and PTO SB/08B (modified) for consideration and request the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

The attached documents were cited by the European Patent Office in an International Search Report dated April 7, 2006, in related International Application No. PCT/US2005/043185, and relevance as asserted by the Searching Authority is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Search Report.

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Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO SB/08A and PTO SB/08B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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